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## Man Charged with Murder in Alleged DUI Crash That Killed Three

A man was charged today with killing three people when he allegedly hit a vehicle while driving under the influence of alcohol in South Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jose Manuel Garcia (dob 7/22/87) of Los Angeles was charged with three felony counts each of murder and gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. He additionally was charged with one felony count each of driving under the influence of alcohol within 10 years of another DUI offense and driving with a .08 percent blood alcohol content causing injury within 10 years of another DUI.

The charges include allegations of causing great bodily injury in case BA467687. Garcia is expected to be arraigned tomorrow in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

According to prosecutors, Garcia was allegedly driving while intoxicated on April 28 and ran a red light at the intersection of South Hoover and West 76<sup>th</sup> streets. He allegedly hit a minivan occupied by a family of five as it was traveling through the intersection.

The van burst into flames and three members of the family died at the scene – Juan Reynoso, 34, and his children Emma Reynoso, 6, and 5-month-old Sebastian Reynoso. Two other family members survived the crash, including 9-year-old Julian Reynoso, who suffered major injuries, according to the criminal complaint.

Garcia faces a maximum possible sentence of 82 years to life in state prison if convicted as charged. Prosecutors are recommending bail be set at \$6 million.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department, South Traffic Division.

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